

I oppose media concentration!

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In promoting its supposed goals of fair competition, diversity and local voice in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of the huge, dominant companies and players in the broadcast industry.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

The American public and the American way of life will suffer from the proposed initiative to allow ownership consolidation. It will create an atmosphere where everyone eats either Cherrios or Corn Flakes (metaphorically speaking) with the owners of the prevalent two flavors benefitting the most. Diversity is essential for Democracy to flourish. Democracy is based on diversity, freedom of expression and true freedom of speech. Helping the corporations become even more super rich, enabling the government to control and propagandize us even further is an idea abhorrent to the those who cherish the ideals on which the country was founded. Let's keep America free!

Sincerely  
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